

SENATE BILL 561
By Crutchfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-104, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) Each independent or primary candidate, other than those filing under § 2-5-103, and those filing under subsection (b) or subsection (c), shall file the candidate's original nominating petition with the chair or the administrator of elections of the county election commission in the county in which the candidate is a resident and shall file certified duplicates of the nominating petition with the chairs or administrators of the county election commissions in all counties wholly or partially within the area served by the office which the candidate seeks.

(b)

(1) Each independent or primary candidate for the office of representative to the United States congress, from a district located in more than one county, shall file the candidate's nominating petitions as a candidate for an

office elected by the voters of the entire state would file the candidate's nominating petitions under the provisions of § 2-5-103; and

(2) Each independent and primary candidate for the office of representative to the United States congress, from a district located entirely in one county, shall file the candidate's nominating petitions under the provisions of this section.

(c) Each candidate for municipal office shall file the candidate's original nominating petition with the county election commission where the municipality is located. If the municipality is located in more than one county, the candidate shall file the nominating petition with the county election commission of the county responsible for holding the election pursuant to § 6-53-101.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.